

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**March 18, 2013 at 7p.m**  
**Municipal Building**  
**90 N. West Street**  
**Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Supt., Larry Parrish, and Mike Stanley.

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR February 19th, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**  
**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Ed Unger, with INDOT, was present to discuss some issues with the project currently being worked on (known as the 46 Project). He informed the board that their contractor proposed that certain streets be closed temporarily in order to speed up the process, and also have some cost savings. The streets proposed are Texas Pike, Hillside, and Franklin Street. After hearing the proposal, the Board advised him that the County Council would have to make the decision about Texas Pike, since it was outside of town limits. The Board also stated that they saw no problems with the temporary closures of Franklin and Hillside, as long as the schools, and emergency services could work around this. Mr. Unger asked that the Board respond back to him with their point of view, and any concerns they have. Mr. Unger said he would contact the county regarding Texas Pike.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported on the police department. He introduced and recommended Caleb Hutchinson and Drew Dorsett as additions to the Spencer police reserves roster.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the recommendations, seconded by Jon Stantz, and it passed 3-0.**

The candidates were sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Moke.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

An issue concerning two modular homes that were placed in the Prospect Park area were discussed. At issue, is whether these structures can be compliant, under the current flood zone restrictions and also with the Town code as it relates to mobile homes and rental properties. The Board agreed that the first issue is whether or not they meet DNR restrictions and can get a permit to continue. Richard Lorenz proposed that he look into the possibility of the town acquiring these two properties.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Supt. Parrish discussed work in Winders Addition. He received bids to pipe 940 feet, with four manholes with drains, and beehive castings. Arexco came in with a bid of \$71,775 to do this work. Parrish requested that we lock in the bid, with the understanding that the work could not proceed until the easements were acquired.

**Dean Bruce made a motion that the bid from Arexco be approved, contingent upon the town being able to secure the necessary easements to proceed. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.**

Next, Mr. Parrish discussed the property adjacent to the Street Dept. storage area. Discussion ensued regarding the value and usage of the property. The Town agreed to have Richard Lorenz do a title search before a decision would be made.

Next, Larry requested that a Maple tree be removed on Lahman Avenue. It is on private property, but the owner said the tree died as a result of sewer work. The Board agreed to having it removed by the street department.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on the sewer department operations. He reported that he recently received the sludge removal system and it was up and running now. He also stated that he ordered supplies to begin doing e.coli testing in-house. He also said he worked out an agreement with Ellettsville Utilities, whereby they would come over to help with clean-outs for far less than we are currently paying other services.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

Cynthia Hyde reported that she is still waiting to hear back from two of the appointments. She also said that John Hodge agreed to fill one of the vacancies for the Planning Commission.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz stated that the town will need to authorize the payment of \$245 to remove the Hendricks property from the tax sale. He also stated that the sewer lien would be removed from the property.

**Jon Stantz moved to allow the town to pay \$245 to remove the Hendricks property from the tax sale. It was seconded and passed 3-0.**

In regards to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project, Mr. Lorenz said that Kenna Consultants would like to have a site representative who would determine what should be removed or remain on each property scheduled for demolition. Larry Parrish agreed to be the representative.

Mr. Lorenz said we would forward a letter for all the addresses to the utilities companies, notifying them of the planned demolition.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS** Cynthia Hyde reported that she received a call from the OCRA representative and he reported that Spencer was not picked for the Stellar Grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

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Cynthia Hyde, President

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Jon Stantz, Vice-President

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Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer